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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: FMS CASE UCY

REF: KUWAIT 3665 (NOTAL)

1. MOD INVITED AMBASSADOR TODAY (AUG 9) TO MEET WITH DEFMIN
SHAIKH SA'AD TOMORROW (AUG 10) AT 1200 HOURS LOCAL TO DISCUSS
FMS CASE UCY.

2. AT APPROXIMATE SAME TIME INVITATION EXTENDED, CH USLOK WAS
VISITING WITH THE SENIOR KADF EGYPTIAN ADVISOR, BG MUSTAFA.
DURING THE CONVERSATION, BG MUSTAFA INDICATED THAT THE ABOVE
MENTIONED MEETIN WOULD BE HELD AND STATED THAT THE QUESTIONS
HE BELIEVED WOULD BE ASKED BY DEF MIN OF THE AMBASSADOR WOULD
PROBABLY INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

A. WHY IS IT THAT, ALTHOUGH THE OVERALL MAN-MONTHS WERE
REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PERCENT IN THE LATEST CASE UCY,
THE TOTAL COST OF THE CASE WAS NOT REDUCED PROPORTIONATELY--
ESPECIALLY SINCE MOD AGREED TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION
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FOR THE PERSONNEL?

B. WHY IS THE MAN-MONTH RATE FOR UCY SO MUCH HIGHER THAN OTHER PREVIOUSLY SIGNED CASES FOR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED TECHNICANS SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TSQ-73 PERSONNEL PROVIDED IN CASE UAH? ON THIS CASE, MAN-MONTH RATE IS LESS AND MOD PROVIDES NO HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, ETC.

3. FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH BG MUSTAFA INDICATED HE BELIEVED THAT THE DEF MIN WOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

A. SPLIT CASE UCY AND SIGN ONLY FOR THE EQUIPMENT NOW. CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON THE COST OF LOGISTICS AND ENGINEERING SUPPORT (LEA) AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA).

B. SUBSTITUTE US MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR ALL OR PART OF RAYTHEON PERSONNEL.

(FYI: THE EGYPTIAN ADVISORS AND OTHER PRINCIPAL KUWAITI MILITARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN CASE UCY HAVE BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY IN PAST THAT NEITHER OF THESE ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE POSSIBLE. END FYI)

4. WHILE EMBASSY HAS SOME DATA AVAILABLE TO ANSWER THE ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS, WE COULD USE MORE SPECIFIC INFO TO PROVIDE READY AND CONVINCING ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT BEST POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIVE ANSWERS TO QUESTION LISTED IN PARA 2 AND 3 ABOVE BE PROVIDED EMBASSY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE TO ARRIVE MLT 1000 LOCAL (0700Z GMT) TOMORROW, AUG 10 FOR POSSIBLE USE AT MEETING WITH DEF MIN.
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